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RC THE TUDOR CLAIM

REF: STATE 164869

1. DCM CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL WITH AMBASSADOR BOGDAN OF MFA AND WITH ILIE RADULESCU, MINISTER STATE SECRETARY, MFA, ON JUNE 30. BOTH SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND SITUATION. IT IS CLEAR THAT AT LEAST BOGDAN IS AWARE OF SENATOR LONG'S LETTER OF JUNE 20. BOGDAN FURTHERMORE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTING CONSULAR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR BADESCU ON ISSUE, AND URGED THAT WE DO LIKEWISE. MEETING WITH BADESCU WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL JULY 5 DUE TO HIS ABSENCE FROM BUCHAREST.

2. AT JULY 5 MEETING, AND IN RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION MADE BY DCM SIMONS ON BASIS REFTEL, BADESCU RESPONDED THAT GOR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COPY OF REPORT OF ROMANIAN STATE ACADEMY OF JULY 31, 1975. REASON GIVEN BY BADESCU WAS THAT DOCUMENT, TOGETHER WITH ITS ANNEXES, CONSTITUTES LEGAL BRIEF CONTAINING EVERY SIGNIFICANT POINT OF DEFENSE IN GOR'S ONGOING LEGAL DISPUTE WITH MR. TUDOR. RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS, CONSTITUTING ENTIRE LEGAL POSITION OF GOR, WOULD PREJUDICE
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ITS CASE BEFORE AMERICAN COURTS. BADESCU SAID THAT GOR HAS PERFECT FAITH IN U.S. COURT SYSTEM AND IS CONVINCED THAT GOR LEGAL POSITION AS PRESENTED IN DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO GOR LAWYERS IN U.S. WILL STAND UP IN U.S. COURTS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MR. TUDOR WOULD HAVE AS MUCH CONFIDENCE IN U.S. COURT SYSTEM AND RESPECT FINDINGS OF PAST AND ANY FUTURE CASES BROUGHT

BEFORE U.S. COURTS. BADESCU MAINTAINED THAT ACTION ON TUDOR CLAIM NOW RESIDES IN U.S. COURTS AND THAT INTERVENTION BY EITHER GOR OR U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THIS POINT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE.

3. WE PRESSED LINKAGE BETWEEN TUDOR CLAIM AND SENATE HEARINGS ON MFO SCHEDULED FOR JULY 12, STRESSING IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO UNFERRETING ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT BALANCED PICTURE OF TUDOR CLAIM. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE SUGGESTED THAT GOR CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING, IF NOT WHOLE OF ACADEMY REPORT, AT LEAST ABSTRACT OF IT OR OF COURT DECISIONS REFERRED TO IN IT. BADESCU INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THIS, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF GOR AND PROVIDE US RESPONSE TO THIS SUGGESTION PRIOR TO JULY 12.

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT GOR LAWYERS ARE WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF AND JONES AS REPORTED REFTEL. NEEDLESS TO SAY, BADESCU IS NOT WILLING AT THIS TIME TO INSTRUCT FIRM OF LAWYERS TO PROVIDE COPY OF ACADEMY DOCUMENT TO DEPARTMENT. BADESCU IS AWARE THAT GARBLED VERSION OF DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT AND THAT DEPARTMENT INTENDS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO UTILIZE IT, AS APPROPRIATE, IN RESPONSE TO SENATOR LONG'S LETTER AND IN FRAMEWORK OF SENATE HEARINGS.
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